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WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK FOR NEVADA



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TO RECIPIENTS OF WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK REPORTS:

Most of the usable water in western states originates as mountain snowfall. This snowfall accumulates during the winter and spring, several months before the snow melts and appears as streamflow. Since the runoff from precipitation as snow is delayed, estimates of snowmelt runoff can be made well in advance of its occurrence. Streamflow forecasts published in this report are based principally on measurement of the water equivalent of the mountain snowpack.

Forecasts become more accurate as more of the data affecting runoff are measured. All forecasts assume that climatic factors during the remainder of the snow accumulation and melt season will interact with a resultant average effect on runoff. Early season forecasts are therefore subject to a greater change than those made on later dates.

The snow course measurement is obtained by sampling snow depth and water equivalent at surveyed and marked locations in mountain areas. A total of about ten samples are taken at each location. The average of these are reported as snow depth and water equivalent. These measurements are repeated in the same location near the same dates each year.

Snow surveys are made monthly or semi-monthly from January 1 through June 1 in most states. There are about 1900 snow courses in Western United States and in the Columbia Basin in British Columbia. Networks of automatic snow water equivalent and related data sensing devices, along with radio telemetry are expanding and will provide a continuous record of snow water and other parameters at key locations.

Detailed data on snow course and soil moisture measurements are presented in state and local reports. Other data on reservoir storage, summaries of precipitation, current streamflow, and soil moisture conditions at valley elevations are also included. The report for Western United States presents a broad picture of water supply outlook conditions, including selected streamflow forecasts, summary of snow accumulation to date, and storage in larger reservoirs.

Snow survey and soil moisture data for the period of record are published by the Soil Conservation Service by states about every five years. Data for the current year is summarized in a West-wide basic data summary and published about October 1 of each year.

*Cover Photo: Cabins near Sucajawea Snow Course
in Bridger Mountains, Montana.*

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ALL AVERAGES ARE FOR 1958-72 PERIOD

WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK FOR NEVADA

FEBRUARY 1, 1975, SNOW SURVEYS INDICATED BELOW AVERAGE SNOWPACK ON THE TRUCKEE, CARSON AND WALKER DRAINAGES AND ABOVE NORMAL SNOW CONDITIONS IN THE HUMBOLDT, Owyhee and Snake River drainages. HOWEVER, MOUNTAIN SNOWPACK CONDITIONS HAVE IMPROVED GREATLY WITH THE MONTH-END STORMS. A MAJORITY OF THE DATA IN THIS REPORT WAS COLLECTED PRIOR TO THE HEAVY STORM AT MONTH'S END.

WITH THE ADDITIONAL WATER FROM THE STORMS, THE WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK IS MUCH IMPROVED FROM LAST MONTH, NOW RANGING FROM 85 TO 125 PERCENT OF AVERAGE. THE NORTHEAST PART OF THE STATE HAS THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE.

RESERVOIR STORAGE IN MAJOR RESERVOIRS IS EXCELLENT, NOW CONTAINING 120 PERCENT OF THE 1958-72 AVERAGE.

A GOOD-TO-EXCELLENT IRRIGATION SUPPLY IS INDICATED FOR NEVADA's WATER USERS THIS COMING SEASON.

East Slope Sierra Nevada

The Tahoe-Truckee drainages had an average snowpack of 65 percent of average. Indications from selected readings after the storm now show these percentages have raised by 15 to 25 percent.

The month of January was characterized by very few storms and warm weather. The warm temperatures had the snow line at a higher elevation than normal, but it has now recovered.

Reservoir storage in the Truckee drainage is excellent, with Boca containing 41,000 acre feet compared to last year's 31,000 acre feet and a 1958-72 average of 10,000 acre feet. Stampede has 172,000 acre feet, slightly below last year's 189,000 acre feet. Lake Tahoe contains 460,000 acre feet, 108 percent above average. Lahontan Reservoir is 124 percent of average, containing 226,000 acre feet.

Water users in the Truckee, Carson and Walker drainages are now predicted to have a good irrigation season.

Humboldt and Owyhee Drainages

Snowpack conditions vary from 82 percent in the Santa Rosa Mountains along the Lower Humboldt to 124 percent in the Ruby Mountains. The Snake River and Owyhee drainages in Nevada also have above average snowpack at 118 percent.

Reservoir storage is excellent, with Wild Horse containing 51,000 acre feet and Rye Patch containing 100,000 acre feet, or 116 percent of average.

Water users along the Humboldt above Rye Patch will have near to above average water supplies, while below Rye Patch the water supply will be excellent.

Eastern and Central Nevada

This year's mountain snowpack in the Ely area is near to slightly above average. Early season runoff will be above average. The White Mountains above Fish Lake Valley have a below normal snowpack. More snow is needed to produce adequate water supplies for the Fish Lake Valley area.

Northeast Great Basin

Northeastern Nevada and the Surprise Valley area of California have an excellent snowpack. Current snow data indicate a 143 percent of average pack. This was before the end-of-the-month storm so an even better snowpack is indicated.

Water users in the area will have an above average water supply for irrigation this coming spring and summer season.

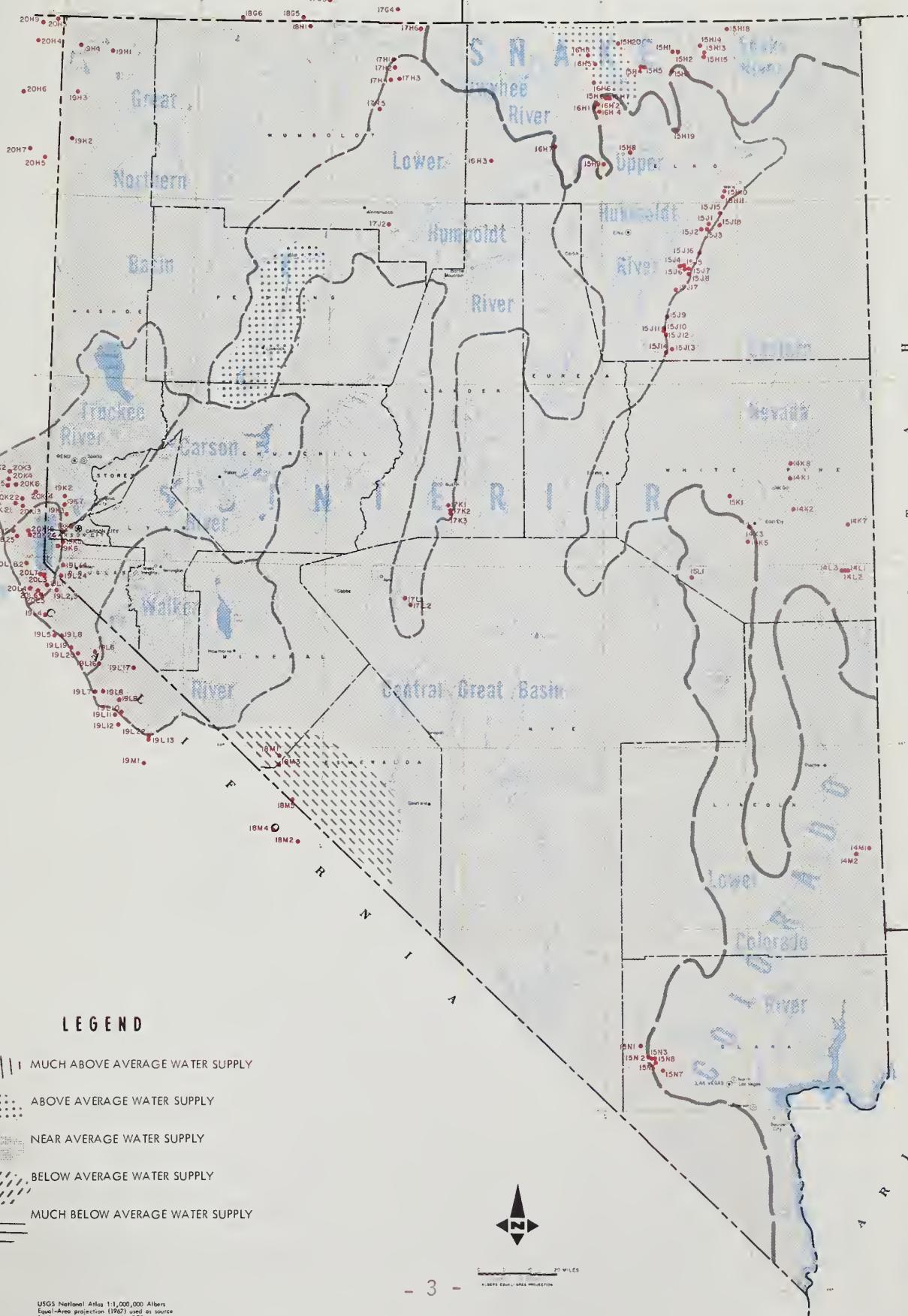


PROSPECTIVE WATER SUPPLY FOR NEVADA

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INDEX TO NEVADA SNOW COURSES

(By Basins)

Refer to the map on the preceding page for Snow Course locations.

NUMBER NAME SEC. TWP. RGE. ELEV.

SNAKE RIVER BASIN

SNAKE RIVER

15H1MA	Bear Creek	31	46N	58E	7800
15H2	Fox Creek	33	46N	58E	6800
15H13A	Goat Creek	31	45N	60E	8800
15H15A	Hummingbird Springs	6	45N	60E	8945
15H20a	Merritt Mountain	10	46N	54E	7000
15H14A	Pole Creek Ranger Station	13	46N	59E	8330
15H18a	Red Point	15	47N	61E	7940
15H3A	76 Creek	6	44N	58E	7100
15H19a	Stag Mountain	29	41N	58E	7800

OWYHEE RIVER

15H4MP	Big Bend	30	45N	56E	6700
16H6a	Columbia Basin	31	44N	53E	6650
16H8a	Fawn Creek	2	45N	52E	7000
15H5	Gold Creek	32	45N	56E	6600
16H1M	Jack Creek, Lower	18	42N	53E	6800
16H2A	Jack Creek, Upper	9	42N	53E	7250
16H4	Jacks Peak	28	42N	53E	8420
16H5	Laurel Draw	20	45N	53E	6700
1764a	Louise Canyon (Oreg.)	27	40S	44E	6440
15H9MP	Taylor Canyon	35	39N	53E	6200

INTERIOR

UPPER HUMBOLDT RIVER

15J17a	American Beauty	32	31N	58E	7800
15J12a	Corral Canyon	27	28N	57E	8500
15J1MP	Orsery Basin	28	35N	60E	8100
15J3	Ory Creek	5	34N	60E	6500
15H7	Fry Canyon	31	43N	54E	6700
15J9MP	Green Mountain	23	29N	57E	8000
15J10	Harrison Pass #1	9	28N	57E	6600
15J11	Harrison Pass #2	16	28N	57E	7400
15J4	Lamille #1	15	32N	58E	7100
15J5	Lamille #2	14	32N	58E	7200
15J6M	Lamille #3	24	32N	58E	7700
15J7	Lamille #4	19	32N	59E	8000
15J8P	Lamille #5	31	32N	59E	8700
15J18a	Pole Canyon	31	35N	61E	9140
15J16a	Robinson Lake	23	33N	59E	9200
15H6MP	Roded Flat	36	43N	53E	6800
15J2	Ryan Ranch	1	34N	59E	5800
15H8	Tremewan Ranch	9	39N	55E	5700
15H10P	Trout Creek, Lower	28	37N	61E	6900
15H11A	Trout Creek, Upper	4	36N	61E	8500

LOWER HUMBOLDT RIVER

17K1	Big Creek Camp Ground	10	17N	43E	6600
17K2	Big Creek Mine	23	17N	43E	7600
17K3	Big Creek, Upper	26	17N	43E	7800
17H2	Buckskin, Lower	25	45N	39E	6700
17H1	Buckskin, Upper	11	45N	39E	8200
17L1	Corral, Lower	12	11N	40E	7500
17L2	Corral, Upper	20	11N	41E	8000
17J2	Golconde #2	22	35N	39E	6000
17H4	Granite Peak	22	44N	39E	7800
17H5	Lamance Creek	13	42N	38E	6000
17H3	Martin Creek	18	44N	40E	6700
16H3AP	Midas	18	39N	46E	7200
16H7	Toe Jam a	29	40N	50E	7700

EASTERN NEVADA

14L1	Baker #1	29	13N	69E	7950
14L2	Baker #2	30	13N	69E	8950
14L3	Baker #3	25	13N	68E	9250
14K2	Berry Creek	26	17N	65E	9100
14K1	Bird Creek	34	19N	65E	7500
15J13	Cave Creek	25	27N	57E	7500
15J14	Hager Canyon	34	27N	57E	8000
15J15	Hoie-In-Mountain	6	35N	61E	7900
14K8	Kalamazoo Creek	34	20N	65E	7400
14K3	Murray Summit	25	16N	62E	7250
15K1	Robinson Summit	34	18N	61E	7600
14K7	Silver Creek #2	30	16N	69E	8000
14K5	Ward Mountain #2	25	15N	62E	8900

CENTRAL GREAT BASIN

18M2	Campito Mountain (Cal.)	19	55	35E	10200
18M5a	Chiatovich Flat	32	25	34E	10500
15N2	Clark Canyon	8	19S	56E	9000
18M1	Montgomery Pass	4	1N	33E	7100
18M3a	Pinchot Creek	28	1N	33E	9300
18M4a	Piute Pass (Cal.)	33	4S	33E	11700
15N1	Trough Springs	23	18S	55E	8500

NORTHERN GREAT BASIN

19H1	Bald Mountain	17	45N	21E	6720
20H5	Barber Creek (Cal.)	23	39N	16E	6500
20H6	Cedar Pass (Cal.)	12	43N	14E	7100
1866a	Oeno Creek (Oreg.)	14	41S	34E	6000
18H1	Oisaster Peak	8	47N	34E	6500
20H3a	Orinal Swamp (Cal.)	31	48N	17E	7000
20H7	Eagle Peak (Cal.)	35	40N	15E	7200
19H3	49-Mountain	7	42N	19E	6000
19H2	Hays Canyon	1	39N	18E	6400
19H4a	Little Bally Mountain	8	45N	19E	6000
20H9	Mt. Bidwell	6	47N	16E	7200
17G5a	Oregon Canyon (Oreg.)	9	40S	40E	7240
17H6a	Quinn Ridge	9	47N	41E	6300
20H4	Reservation Creek (Cal.)	12	46N	15E	5900
18G5a	Trout Creek (Oreg.)	10	41S	38E	7800

NUMBER NAME SEC. TWP. RGE. ELEV.

LAKE TAHOE

20L65TZ	Echo Peak	35	12N	17E	7800
20L5	Echo Summit (Cal.)	6	11N	18E	7450
20L7stz	Fallen Leaf (Cal.)	36	13N	17E	6300
19L2	Freeel Bench (Cal.)	36	12N	18E	7300
19K6	Glenbrook #2	13	14N	18E	6900
19L3MSZ	Hagans Meadow (Cal.)	36	12N	18E	8000
20L4	Lake Lucille (Cal.)	28	12N	17E	8200
19K4M5TZ	Mariette Lake	18	15N	19E	8000
20L3	Richardsons #2 (Cal.)	6	12N	18E	6500
20L1	Rubicon #1 (Cal.)	6	13N	17E	8100
20L2	Rubicon #2 (Cal.)	6	13N	17E	7500
20K16	Tahoe City (Cal.)	6	15N	17E	6250
20K26	Tahoe City Alt. (Cal.)	7	15N	17E	6300
20K27	Tahoe City Cross (Cal.)	1	15N	16E	6750
19L1	Upper Truckee (Cal.)	21	12N	18E	6400
20K17M	Ward Creek (Cal.)	21	15N	16E	7000
20K25TZ	Ward Creek #2 (Cal.)	21	15N	16E	6750

TRUCKEE RIVER

20K14	Boca #2 (Cal.)	28	18N	17E	5900
20K22	Brockway Summit (Cal.)	3	17N	16E	7100
20K21	Donner Park #2 (Cal.)	18	17N	16E	6000
20K10	Donner Summit (Cal.)	25	17N	14E	6900
20K7*	Fordyce Lake (Cal.)	34	18N	13E	6500
20K6*	Furnace Flat (Cal.)	10	17N	13E	6700
20K4M5TZ	Independence Camp (Cal.)	34	19N	15E	7000
20K3	Independence Creek (Cal.)	14	19N	15E	6500
20K5	Independence Lake (Cal.)	9	18N	15E	8450
19K3	Little Valley	17	16N	19E	6300
19K2	Mt. Rose	7	17N	19E	9000
19K7	Mt. Rose Ski Area	30	17N	19E	9000
20K6	Sage Hen Creek (Cal.)	7	18N	16E	6500
20K19	Squaw Valley #2 (Cal.)	6	15N	16E	7500
20K13M	Truckee #2 (Cal.)	22	17N	16E	6400
20K2*	Webber Lake (Cal.)	29	19N	14E	7000
20K1*	Webber Peak (Cal.)	30	19N	14E	8000

CARSON RIVER

19L5	Blue Lakes (Cal.)	30	9N	19E	8000
19L4	Carson Pass, Upper (Cal.)	22	10N	18E	8600
19K5	Clear Creek	6	14N	19E	7300
19L1	Ebbets Pass (Cal.)	17	8N	20E	8700
19L16a	Fish Valley, Upper (Cal.)	1	7N	22E	8050
19L06a	Poison Flat (Cal.)	.25	8N	21E	7900
19L18AS	Wet Meadow Lake (Cal.)	.26	9N	19E	8100
19L20a	Wolf Creek (Cal.)	.35	8N	20E	8000

COLORADO

LOWER COLORADO RIVER

15N5	Kyle Canyon	27	19S	56E	8200
15N3	Lee Canyon #2	9	19S	56E	9200
15N8	Lee Canyon #3	10	19S	56E	8500
14M1	Mathew Canyon	10	6S	70E	6000
14M2	Pine Canyon	23	6S	69E	6200
15N7	Rainbow Canyon #2	6	20S	57E	8100
15L1	White River #1	31	13N	59E	7400

LEGEND

NUMBERING SYSTEM (EXAMPLE)

19K4	Snow Course Only
19K45	Snow Course and Snow Pillow
19K4M	Snow Course and Soil Moisture
19K4A	Snow Course and Aerial Marker
19K4P	Snow Course and Storage
19K4MA	Snow Course, Soil Moisture and Aerial Marker
19K4MP	Snow Course, Soil Moisture and Precipitation Gage
19K4TSZ	Snow Course, Snow Pillow and Telemetered

Lower case letters m, a, p, s, t, z, indicate no snow course, only a Soil Moisture Station, Aerial Marker, Storage Precipitation Gage, Snow Pillow, Temperature, or Radio Telemetered.

*Located on adjacent watershed

STREAMFLOW FORECASTS (Thousand Acre Feet) as of: February 1, 1975

Forecasts are based on snow-water presently stored in the mountain watersheds and the assumption that precipitation will be near average throughout the forecast period. Peak flow forecasts indicate the most probable range for the maximum average 24-hour flow. All averages are for 1958-72 period.

FORECAST POINT	Forecast Period	Forecast This Year	This Year as Percent of Average	Average +
Owyhee River near Gold Creek, NV ^{1/}	April-July	22	122	18
Owyhee River near Owyhee, NV ^{1/}	April-July	77	113	68
Humboldt River at Palisade, NV	April-July	205	106	193
West Walker below Little Walker River near Coleville, CA	April-July	127	87	145
Virgin River at Virgin, UT	April-June	38	79	38

^{1/} Corrected for storage

PEAK FLOWS (MAXIMUM MEAN DAILY) (Av. flow for 24 hrs. on day of greatest flow)

FORECAST POINT	PEAK FLOW (SECOND FEET)	
	Forecast Range	Average +

Peak flow forecasts not issued until
March 1, 1975

FORECAST DATE of LOW FLOW VALUES

FORECAST POINT	Low Flow Value Second/Ft.	Forecast Date Stream Will Recede to Low Flow Value	Average Date of Low Flow Value
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Low flow forecast not issued until
March 1, 1975

SOIL MOISTURE MEASUREMENTS

STATION	Profile (Inches)		Soil Moisture (Inches)		
	Depth	Capacity	Date	This Year	Average +

OWYHEE-HUMBOLDT BASIN

Big Bend	48	16.7	1/27/75	12.8	14.6 *
Rodeo Flat	42	11.0	1/27/75	4.6	8.9 *
Taylor Canyon	48	15.1	1/27/75	7.4	11.9 *

TAHOE-TRUCKEE BASIN

Independence Camp	34	6.1	Not read		4.0 *
Marlette Lake	50	3.7	1/28/75	1.2	2.7 *

WALKER BASIN

Sonora Pass	48	8.3	1/29/75	3.8	7.3 *
Virginia Lakes Ridge	40	5.0	1/29/75	1.4	2.0 *

* Adjusted average

RESERVOIR STORAGE (Thousand Acre Feet) as of February 1, 1975

Basin or Stream	RESERVOIR	Usable Capacity	Usable Storage		
			This Year	Last Year	Average +
Owyhee	Wild Horse	72	51	52	17
Lower Humboldt	Rye Patch	157	100	113	86
Colorado	Mohave	1,810	1,597	1,625	1,669
Colorado	Mead	27,217	19,973	20,160	17,321
Tahoe	Tahoe	732	460	618	426
Truckee	Boca	41	31	32	10
Truckee	Stampede	220	172	189	**
Truckee	Prosser ***	30	8	7	8 *
Carson	Lahontan	291	226	246	182
West Walker	Topaz	59	35	49	34
East Walker	Bridgeport	42	33	37	28

* 10-year average

** Storage began August 1, 1969

*** Flood control use allocation of 20,000 acre-feet between November 1 and April 10.

TOTAL RESERVOIR STORAGE (Thousand Acre Feet)

MONTH	This Year	Last Year	Average +
October 1	961	820	718
January 1	900	1,015	714
February 1	936	1,147	782
March 1		1,103	843
April 1		1,250	912
May 1		1,247	937

+ 1958-1972 period.

The above data developed from Wild Horse, Rye Patch, Tahoe, Boca, Lahontan, Topaz, and Bridgeport Reservoirs in 1,000 Acre-Feet.

SNOW COURSE MEASUREMENTS

DRAINAGE BASIN and/or SNOW COURSE		THIS YEAR			PAST RECORD	
		Date of Survey	Snow Depth (Inches)	Water Content (Inches)	Last Year	Average +
<u>SNAKE RIVER</u>						
Bear Creek		Delayed		15.0a	13.1	
Goat Creek		1/29/75	38	11.4	13.5	10.0
Hummingbird Springs		Delayed		15.9a	14.9	
Merritt Mountain		1/28/75	18	5.8a	4.4a	3.9 *
Pole Creek Ranger Station		1/29/75	49	16.2	15.0	12.3
Red Point		Delayed		3.7a	5.9	*
76 Creek		1/28/75	20	8.0a	9.0a	7.6
Stag Mountain		1/28/75	18	5.4a	6.0a	3.2 *
<u>OWYHEE RIVER</u>						
Big Bend		1/27/75	26	8.2	7.9	5.7
Columbia Basin		1/28/75	24	7.0a	10.4a	6.8 *
Fawn Creek		1/28/75	18	5.2a	10.7	10.4 *
Gold Creek		1/27/75	19	5.8	5.5	3.8
Jack Creek, Upper		1/28/75	24	7.2a	5.7a	4.7
Laurel Draw		1/28/75	28	7.6	7.9	5.2
Taylor Canyon		1/27/75	21	6.4	5.7	3.6
<u>UPPER HUMBOLDT RIVER</u>						
American Beauty		1/28/75	30	9.0a	9.0a	5.6 *
Corral Canyon		1/28/75	12	3.6a	9.3a	6.2 *
Fry Canyon		1/27/75	25	8.0	7.2	4.9
Lamoille #1		1/28/75	31	8.9	6.5	5.8
Lamoille #2		1/28/75	24	7.0	7.1	5.7
Lamoille #3		1/28/75	37	11.0	10.8	7.6
Lamoille #4		1/28/75	47	16.2	15.0	11.3 *
Lamoille #5		1/28/75	53	17.6	25.7	16.5 *
Pole Canyon		Not read		Not read	4.8	*
Robinson Lake		1/28/75	78	25.7a	32.6a	15.7 *
Rodeo Flat		1/27/75	25	8.2	5.2	3.9
Tremewan Ranch		1/27/75	6	1.0	1.9	1.2
Trout Creek, Upper		1/28/75	21	6.3a	Not read	10.2
Tent Mountain, Lower		1/28/75	54	17.3a	-	-
Tent Mountain, Upper		1/28/75	18	5.2a	17.4a	11.9 *
<u>LOWER HUMBOLDT RIVER</u>						
Midas		1/28/75	0	0a	2.5a	2.4 *
Toe Jam		1/28/75	24	7.2a	8.1a	6.4 *
<u>EASTERN NEVADA</u>						
Baker #1		1/29/75	16	3.7	-	-
Baker #3		1/29/75	34	9.2a	9.3a	8.3 *
Bird Creek		1/29/75	16	3.6	-	-
Mt. Defiance		1/29/75	49	13.2a	16.5a	-
Silver Creek #2		1/29/75	12	2.8a	5.5a	4.5 *
Ward Mountain		1/29/75	24	6.5a	6.9a	4.7 *

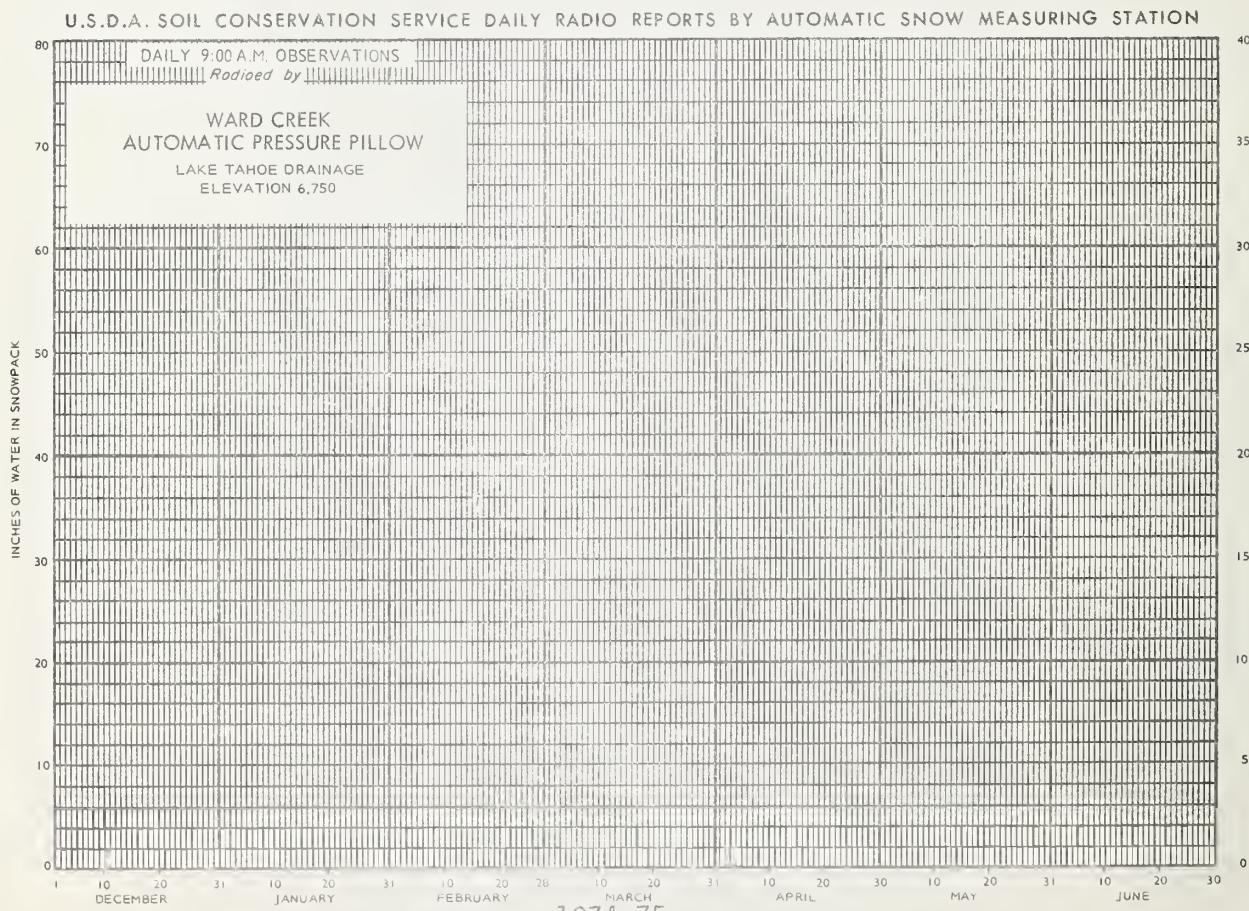
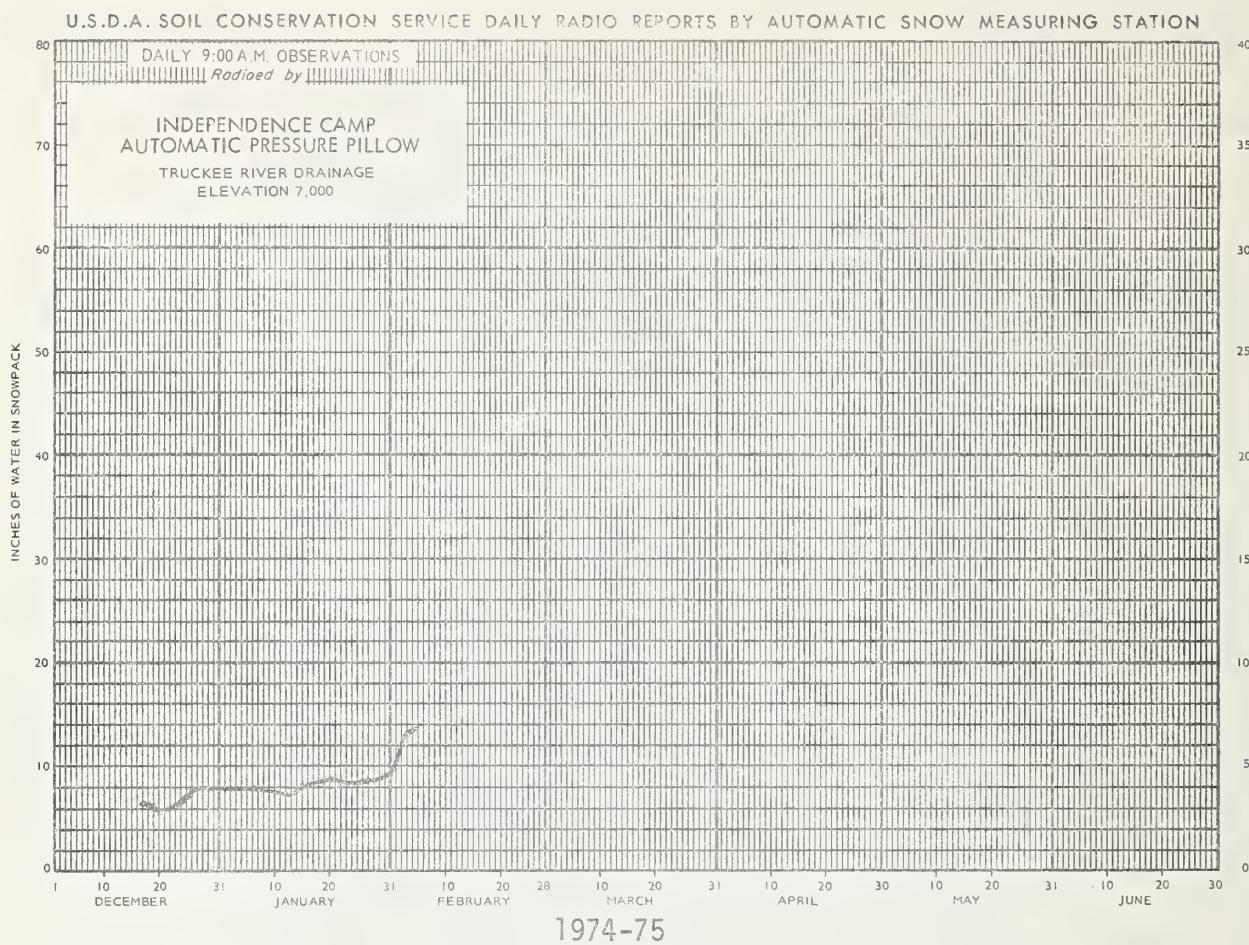
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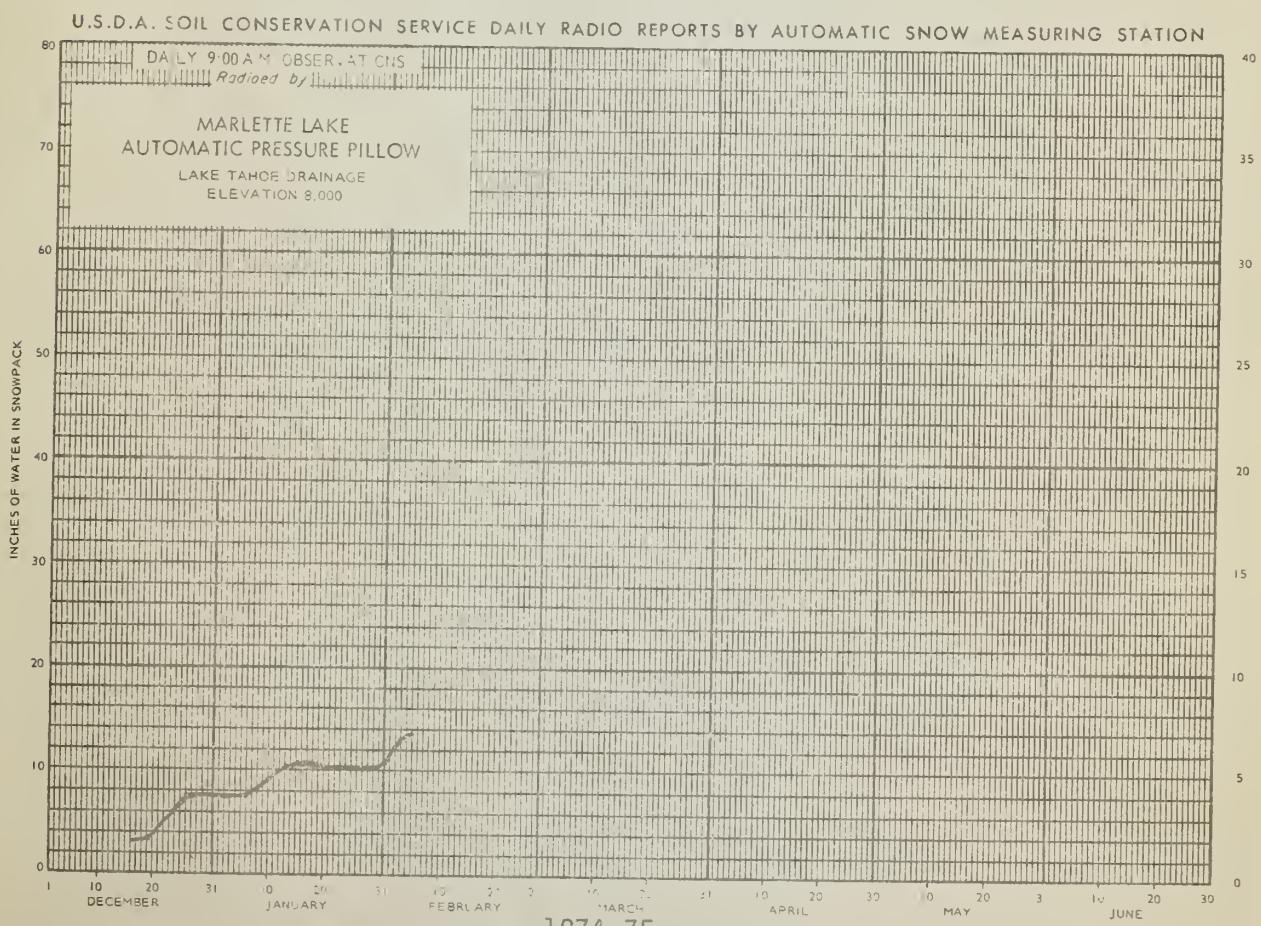
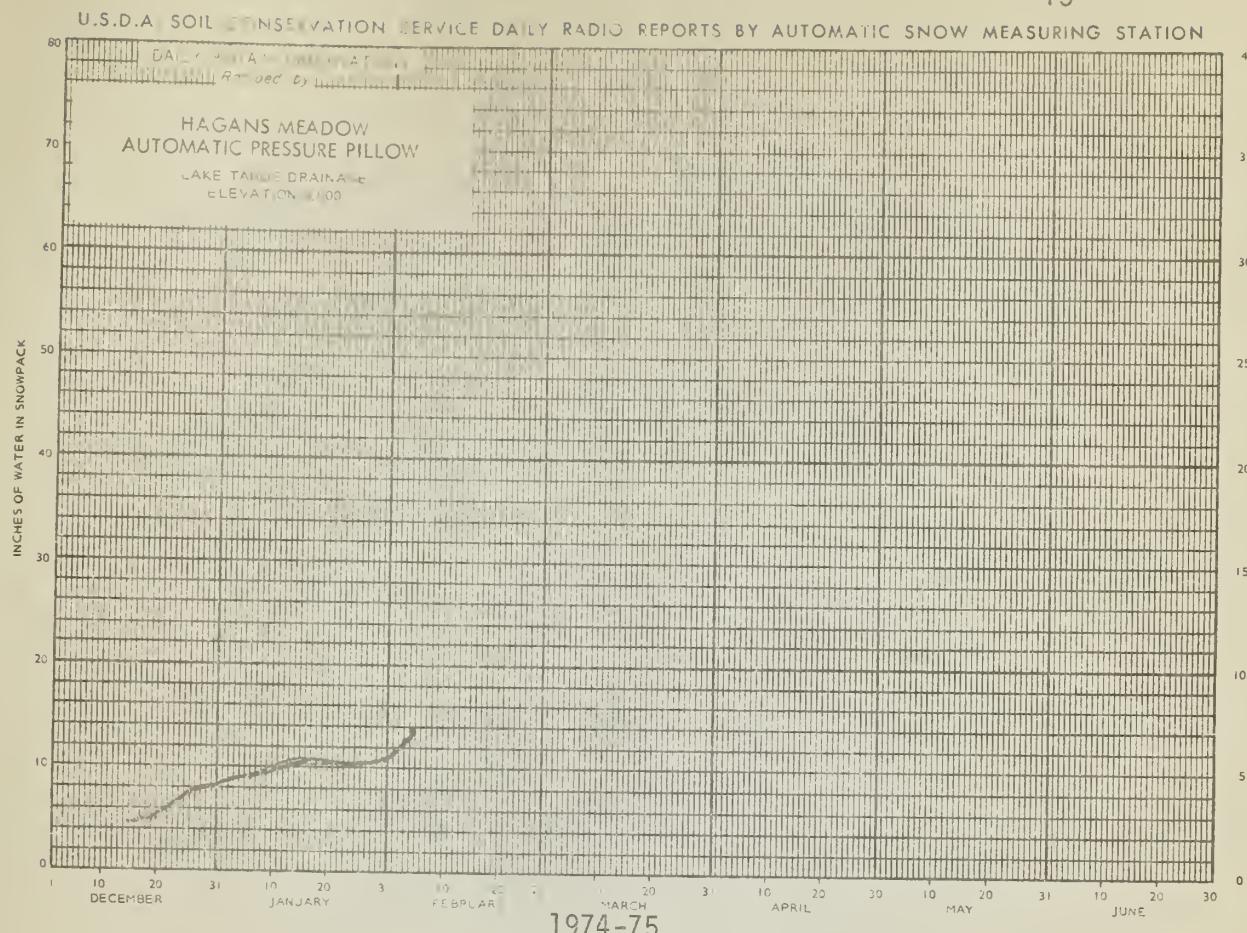
SNOW COURSE MEASUREMENTS

DRAINAGE BASIN and/or SNOW COURSE		THIS YEAR			PAST RECORD	
		Date of Survey	Snow Depth (Inches)	Water Content (Inches)	Water Content (inches)	Last Year
NAME	Elevation					Average +
<u>LAKE TAHOE-TRUCKEE RIVER</u>						
Boca #2		2/2/75	28	4.3	2.0	5.2
Brockway Summit		1/29/75	21	6.9	10.9	15.0 *
Castel Creek		1/28/75	58	21.7	36.5	33.1
Donner Park #2		est.	25	8.0	7.4	12.1 *
Donner Summit		1/21/75	46	16.6	28.0	25.3 *
Echo Summit		1/28/75	39	9.2	24.1	23.8
Fordyce Lake		1/22/75	46	19.4	28.3	21.2 *
Freel Bench		1/27/75	15	5.0	10.1	9.3 *
Furnace Flat		1/22/75	56	21.0	33.8	26.2 *
Glenbrook #2		1/30/75	17	5.1	7.3	8.0
Hagans Meadow		1/27/75	29	8.6	13.3	12.9
Heavenly Valley		1/27/75	44	14.9	20.4	-
Independence Camp		1/27/75	26	8.4	15.6	17.1
Independence Creek		1/27/75	14	4.1	8.7	-
Independence Lake		1/27/75	49	16.3	32.6	-
Marlette Lake		1/20/75	39	12.3	16.0	13.6
Mount Rose Ski Area		Not read			34.6	-
Richardsons #2		1/30/75	21	6.7	11.5	11.4
Sage Hen Creek		1/27/75	19	5.5	10.7	12.6
Squaw Valley		1/27/75	57	20.1	34.4	33.8
Tahoe City		Destroyed			5.7	8.2 *
Tahoe City Alternate		1/31/75	12	4.3	6.5	-
Tahoe City Cross		1/31/75	25	9.3	12.7	-
Truckee #2		1/29/75	15	4.6	9.1	10.8
Truckee, Upper		1/27/75	9	3.1	7.2	7.8
Ward Creek #2		1/27/75	51	18.4	29.5	26.8
Ward Creek #3		1/27/75	49	16.2	26.6	-
<u>CARSON RIVER</u>						
Carson Pass, Upper		1/23/75	46	15.3	25.8	22.1
Ebbetts Pass		1/29/75	32	11.2a	30.0a	22.5
Ebbetts Pass #2		1/29/75	55	19.5		
Fish Lake Valley, Upper		1/29/75	24	6.2a	10.3a	10.4 *
Poison Flat		1/29/75	26	7.3	13.3	10.4 *
Wet Meadows Lake		1/29/75	32	11.2a	19.5a	18.7 *
Wet Meadows #2		1/29/75	52	16.2	24.7	-
Wolf Creek		1/29/75	24	8.4a	20.3a	23.1 *
<u>WALKER RIVER</u>						
Center Mountain		1/29/75	45	14.9a	34.8a	22.0 *
Lobdell Lake		1/29/75	24	6.2a	14.4a	12.3 *
Sonora Pass		1/29/75	35	11.4	20.5	15.8
Tioga Pass		1/29/75	31	10.2	26.8	16.3
Virginia Lakes		1/29/75	20	5.4	10.4	10.6
Virginia Lakes Ridge		1/29/75	27	6.9	12.4	-
Willow Flat		1/29/75	21	5.2	7.4	-

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<u>CENTRAL GREAT BASIN</u>					
Campito Mountain	1/25/75	0	0.0	1.9	3.4 *
Chiatovich Flat	1/29/75	2	0.5a	2.8a	1.8 *
Montgomery Pass	1/29/75	1	0.2	2.1	1.0
Pinchot Creek	1/27/75	1	0.1a	2.8a	0.2 *
Piute Pass	1/27/75	2	0.5a	2.1a	2.1 *
<u>NORTHERN GREAT BASIN</u>					
Barber Creek	1/30/75	32	10.7	9.2	7.9
Cedar Pass	1/27/75	40	13.5	13.0	10.6 *
Denio Creek	1/22/75	3	1.0a	Not read	0.6 *
Dismal Swamp	1/28/75	42	13.4a	12.6a	10.1
49 Mountain	1/28/75	9	2.6	0.1	3.1
Hays Canyon	1/30/75	11	3.2	1.1	2.8
Little Bally Mountain	1/28/75	12	3.1a	2.6a	2.0*
Louse Canyon	1/22/75	25	8.0a	Not read	2.2 *
Oregon Canyon	1/22/75	12	3.8a	" "	3.5 *
Quinn Ridge	1/22/75	12	3.8a	" "	1.4 *
Reservation Creek	1/28/75	29	9.7	7.0	8.0
Trout Creek	1/22/75	24	7.7a	Not read	3.9 *
<u>LOWER COLORADO RIVER</u>					
Mathew Canyon	1/31/75	6	0.5	3.3	1.7
Pine Canyon	1/31/75	13	1.7	4.0	2.2 *
NOTE: All averages based on 1958-72, 15 year period. Forecast period is April 1 through July 31 unless otherwise noted. a-Aerial marker; water content estimated. * 1958-72 adjusted average.					





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